

BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL - PARENTS & CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING

18 May 2022

Attendance: Mia Kumar - **Principal**, Kathy Lye – **Deputy Principal**, Julia Alvarado – **Deputy Principal**

Kara Gabbett – **P&C President**, - KT Wlodarczyk- **P&C Vice President**, Marnie M Noor- **P&C Vice President**,

Chiara Cenati - **P&C Secretary**, Kate Wake **P&C Asst Secretary**, Cat Rodie - **P&C Asst Secretary**

Tim Cunningham - **P&C Asst Treasurer**, Tracy Hayden - **P&C Asst Treasurer**

Ali Matheson, Gary Priestley, Jacqui Bouf, Rainti Bieler, Jackie Speak, Adrian Bell, Karen Harper, Sally Steele

Meeting Chair: Kara Gabbett

Meeting recorded by: Chiara Cenati

Apologies: Peter Zographakis, Natalie Jennings

Format: In Person

Welcome to Country: Kara Gabbett

Thank you to all new executives for all their work and commitment so far.

If anyone would like to share ideas on how to distribute the P&C money, increase attendance at the P&C meetings or be involved in the school please send an email to the P&C: pandc.bghs@gmail.com

Speaker Guest: Melissa Caltabiano PDH/PE and Sport

- **Sport in Year 7** is integrated into the curriculum, one period a week. It includes a range of sport and fitness activities. Year 7 has a Gala Day each year where our school teams will compete against other schools in our zone. Sports include soccer, netball and volleyball.
- **Recreational and grade sport for Years 8-11** is held on Tuesdays. We offer a wide variety of both grade and recreational activities. Some are held on the schools grounds and some are conducted at local sports grounds or external venues. Students select seasonal sports for Summer and Winter through an online selection process.
- **Knockout sport** : Students who are talented in a specific sport and would like to participate at a competitive level against other high schools are invited into

knockout teams. We usually field KO teams in netball, basketball, soccer, indoor soccer, water polo, volleyball, touch football and Ultimate Frisbee.

- Futsal has achieved outstanding results.
- The school has three major sport carnivals: Swimming, Cross- Country, Athletics.
- Student Sentral is the main communication point with daily announcements. PE staff can also be found in their room.
- All information are in the webpage: PDH/PE and sport <https://burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/personal-development-health-and-physical-education.html>
and <https://burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/personal-development-health-and-physical-education/sport.html>
- BGHS is represented at elite levels and NSW teams in several sports.

Principal's report – Mia Kumar

- Welcome back to T2.
- Events: Harmony Day - Brilliant day, truly successful all students put an effort into it.
- International Day was a huge success, spectacular costumes and great support from parents.
The traditional Korean food stalls were very delicious. We also had a visit from local MP, Jason Li who was extremely impressed with our school. He then mentioned BGHS in his speech in parliament.
- Visiting a Korean restaurant, fun despite the flat tire.
- Surf Camp went ahead despite drizzling weather.
- Debating - it was good to hold public speaking face to face.
- Mock Trials - students were very enthusiastic.
- Big Sisters program continues successfully.
- Zone Swimmers went well.
- ANZAC assembly was held on the 4th of April at school, organized by the Y9.
- First PTS interviews for Y7 and Y12 were face to face. Good choice to separate locations.
- Knockout Volleyball - great results.
- Autumn Nights, great soiree, 8 performances, audience very engaged and great support from parents.
- Nan Tien Temple visit - was successful despite the journey's ordeal.
- Ten Learning scholarships were assigned to students by Tzu Chi Academy, used for student supplies like laptops.
- Great singing at Burwood Park.
- Work Ready Day had significant support.
- Welcome back to lots of Staff after extended/sick leave.

- IFTAR night - great sense of community and bonding for all. Donation to the Mahboba Promise Organization was well received. Thank you to other school representatives and local politicians for attending.
- Y7 camp to Broken Bay went ahead after being postponed, students were very happy.
- Musical - The Students of BOZ outstanding production written, performed and directed by students. A jolly performance!
- Our Under 14s Futsal team won Gold.
- Athletic carnival, happy to see the Y12 engaged and having fun.
- NAPLAN for Y7 and Y9 was held in the Hall.
- Silver Duke of Ed was initially aborted due to bad weather and then replaced by camping in the backyard and walking around the bay. Bronze walk due tomorrow, green card from National Park for access. 45 Students - Y10. The Y9 group will be later in the year.
- Special Opportunities: all extremely successful and we are very proud of students.
- PTS - Y8 and 11 lots of interviews although some teachers were absent due to illness.
- STEM performance Space - almost ready, we are now buying equipment.
- FOCUS for 2022 : it is all about literacy and numeracy, Quality teaching and learning, Effective use of data, Improved feedback, Student wellbeing, Joel to work with team teachers.
- Issues: Teachers strike requesting better salaries and conditions many of our teachers participated in the rally.
- The High Potential and gifted education program has started.
- Staffing: extremely difficult to find teachers. The DoE is not doing enough to resolve this problem, we're not overwhelmed but "upset" for constantly juggling. Ex-students have been employed
- Communication: more RATs available in the office.
- Enrolment Policy: the DoE is becoming very strict with numbers and out of area enrolments, currently 1100 enrolments but school limited to 1040. The school could cope with more.
- EVENT: new platform very welcomed, easy to read.

Treasurer's report – Tracy Hayden

It's not easy to deal with CBA. Bank balance is \$279,974.90.

CommiBiz has been set up but not active. Bank has been contacted again.

Square reader purchased, should be active in approx 20 days.

Reimbursements happening most likely next week and a process will be set up with a form for bank details and expenditures. Payments are due to parents and school.

P&C voted in favour of an accounting package, Xero, which hopefully will streamline the process. Costs are 21\$/month.

Credit/Prepaid card for P&C not advisable as workload load associated is too great.

Option for the school to pay in cases where it is difficult.

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes passed by Karen Harper and Tracy Hayden.

Grants committee: KT

Applications open for Community Building Partnership grants 2022, the school will advise what they wish to request.

Building and Grounds Committee on hold

Uniform committee: Kara

To communicate with Lowes if bigger sizes can be made as demand is increasing.

ACTION:

Presentation by **Lauren Dwyer** Learning and Engagement - Learning Support Team Coordinator for the next meetings to explain to new parents what the school can offer, strategies and resolutions.

Actioned:

- PE/team sport - presentation by Melissa Caltabiano.
- Canteen menu to remain the same for winter.
- Parent/school volunteers for second hand uniforms - school needs to check with the wellbeing office first if they need those uniforms.

Other business:

- Democracy Sausages for the Federal Election. Big thank you to Sally for organizing it and for all her efforts. Great response by parents volunteers. The P&C voted in favour of the square payment to be set up with Sally's personal bank account so it can be activated immediately. There will be a variety of sausages on offer for different dietary requirements as well as cakes and hampers. The price agreed was of 4\$. A special thank you to Jackie for sharing all her knowledge and assistance. We will be registered on the democracy sausage web page. Cakes and cookies can be donated on the day from 8 am.
- Kate Rodie - formal support of the P&C to the teachers strike and action. The P&C would like to officially support the teachers strike acknowledging like other schools

did. Unfortunately for us it was too late. The P&C would like to confirm they stand behind teachers and support them in their industrial action. The P&C voted in favour of a document to be drafted by Kat and sent to Parliament and DoE.

- We have been contacted by a future family, seeking to connect with other parents at school with kids with Neurodiversity to share their experience. They are interested to know the parents' perspective. If you wish to be contacted, please send an email to pandc.bghs@gmail.com and we will forward details.

Meeting Closed: 8.20pm

Next Meeting: 15 June 2022